Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (Currently Amended). ~~A tool suitable for being releasably locked in a rotary hammer having a tool holder including a locking body and a beatpiece capable of reciprocating between a rearwardmost position and a forwardmost position, the tool comprising~~ A rotary hammer comprising:

a beatpiece reciprocatable between a reawardmost position and a forwardmost position;

a tool holder including a locking body;

a tool lockable in the tool holder and including:

a forward end and a rearward end;

a tip at the forward end; and

a shank at the rearward end, the shank defining a closed groove for engagement by the locking body of the rotary hammer ~~and for~~ while permitting limited axial movement of the tool between a frontmost position in the tool holder and a backmost position in the tool holder, and wherein the closed groove has a forward end which is located ~~sufficiently close to~~ at a distance from the rearward end of the tool so that, when the tool is located in the backmost position in the tool holder, the rearward end of the tool is maintained forwardly of the forwardmost position of the beatpiece.

2 (Currently Amended). A ~~tool~~ rotary hammer according to claim 1 wherein the closed groove is a first closed groove and the shank defines a second closed groove radially opposite the first closed groove.

3 (Currently Amended). A ~~tool~~ rotary hammer according to claim 1 including an axially extending driving groove defined by the shank and extending to and open at

the rearward end of the tool and engageable by the tool holder of the rotary hammer so as to transmit rotary drive to the tool.

4 (Currently Amended). A ~~tool~~ rotary hammer according to claim 1 further including a shank portion having a non-circular transverse cross-section engageable by the tool holder of the rotary hammer so as to transmit rotary drive to the tool.

5 (Currently Amended). A ~~tool~~ rotary hammer according to claim 4 wherein the shank portion of noncircular transverse cross section has an hexagonal cross section.

6 (Currently Amended). A ~~tool~~ rotary hammer according to claim 1 which is a tile cutting tool and the tip is a cutting tip suitable for cutting ceramic materials.

7 (Currently Amended). A ~~tool~~ rotary hammer according to claim 6 wherein the cutting tip is an arrow shaped carbide tip fixed in a transverse notch formed at the forward end of the tool.

8 (Currently Amended). A ~~tool~~ rotary hammer according to claim 1 wherein the tool is a driving tool.

9 (Currently Amended). A ~~tool~~ rotary hammer according to claim 1 further comprising an axially extending driving groove defined by the tool shank and extending to and open at the rearward end of the tool and engageable by the tool holder so as to transmit rotary drive to the tool, the driving groove having a forward end, and wherein the forward end of the closed groove and the forward end of the driving groove are substantially the same distance from the rearward end of the tool.

10 (Currently Amended). A ~~tool~~ rotary hammer according to ~~any~~ claim 1 wherein the distance between the forward end of the closed groove and the rearward end of the tool is less than 20mm.

11 (Currently Amended). A ~~tool~~ rotary hammer according to claim 10 wherein the distance between the forward end of the closed groove[[s]] and the rearward end of the tool is between 14mm and 20mm.

12 (Previously Presented). A tool suitable for being releasably locked in a rotary hammer having a tool holder including a locking body and a beatpiece capable of reciprocating between a rearwardmost position and a forwardmost position, the tool comprising:

a forward end and a rearward end;

a tip at the forward end; and

a shank portion, the shank defining a closed groove for engagement by the locking body of the rotary hammer, and wherein the closed groove has a forward end, and the forward end is between 14 mm and 20 mm from the rearward end of the tool.

13 (Previously Presented). A tool according to claim 12 wherein the closed groove is a first closed groove and the shank defines a second closed groove radially opposite the first closed groove.

14 (Previously Presented). A tool according to claim 12 including an axially extending driving groove defined by the shank and extending to and open at the rearward end of the tool.

15 (Previously Presented). A tool according to claim 12 wherein the shank portion is at least partially of non-circular transverse cross-section.

16 (Previously Presented). A tool according to claim 12 wherein the shank portion is at least partially of hexagonal cross section.

17 (Previously Presented). A tool according to claim 12 wherein the tip is a cutting tip suitable for cutting ceramic materials.

18 (Previously Presented). A tool according to claim 17 wherein the cutting tip is an arrow shaped carbide tip fixed in a transverse notch formed at the forward end of the tool.

19 (Previously Presented). A tool suitable for being releasably locked in a rotary hammer having a tool holder including a locking body, the tool comprising:

a forward end and a rearward end;

a tip at the forward end; and

a shank portion, the shank portion defining:

an axially extending driving groove extending to and open at the rearward end of the tool, and

a closed locking groove, the closed groove having a forward end located between 14 mm and 20 mm from the rearward end of the tool.

20 (Previously Presented). A tool according to claim 19 wherein the shank portion is at least partially of hexagonal cross section.

21 (Previously Presented). A tool according to claim 19 wherein the tip is a cutting tip suitable for cutting ceramic materials, said cutting tip including an arrow shaped carbide insert fixed in a transverse notch formed at the forward end of the tool.

22 (New). A tool suitable for being releasably locked in a rotary hammer having a beatpiece capable of reciprocating between a rearwardmost position and a forwardmost position and a tool holder including a locking body located within a recess in said tool holder and movable radially between an unlock position and a lock position to releasably lock the tool in the tool holder, the tool comprising:

a forward end and a rearward end;

a working tip at the forward end; and

a shank at the rearward end, the shank defining a closed groove for engagement with the locking body of the tool holder, the axial length of the closed groove being greater than the axial dimension of the locking body for permitting a limited range of axial movement of the tool when locked in said tool holder between a frontmost position defined by engagement of a rearward end of said closed groove with a rearward engagement point on said locking body and a backmost position defined by engagement of a forward end of said closed groove with a forward engagement point on said locking body, and further wherein the distance from the forward end of said closed groove and the rearward end of the tool is less than the distance between the forwardmost position of the beatpiece and the forward engagement point on said locking body at all lock positions of said locking body.

23 (New). A rotary hammer comprising:

a percussion mass reciprocatable between a reawardmost position and a forwardmost position within the rotary hammer;

a tool holder including a locking body having a first axial length;

a tool selectably lockable in the tool holder and including:

a forward end and a rearward end; and

a shank at the rearward end, the shank defining a closed groove for engagement by the locking body of the rotary hammer while permitting limited axial movement of the tool between a frontmost position in the tool holder and a backmost position in the tool holder, and when the tool is located in the backmost position in the tool holder, the rearward end of the tool is maintained forwardly of the forwardmost position of the beatpiece.

24 (New). A rotary hammer according to claim 23, wherein the closed groove has a second axial length greater than the first axial length of the locking body for permitting a limited range of axial movement of the tool when locked in said tool holder between a frontmost position defined by engagement of a rearward end of said closed groove with a rearward engagement point on said locking body and a backmost position defined by engagement of a forward end of said closed groove with a forward engagement point on said locking body, and further wherein the distance from the forward end of said closed groove and the rearward end of the tool is less than the distance between the forwardmost position of the beatpiece and the forward engagement point on said locking body at all lock positions of said locking body.

25 (New). A rotary hammer according to claim 23, wherein the closed groove has a forward end, and the forward end is between 14 mm and 20 mm from the rearward end of the tool.